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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

AMCRDA

20 November 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Requiring Processes on Contract

1. The enclosed OASA/RDA memorandum (encl 1) states the policy established by the USD/A&T (encl 2) that no processes from any source are to be included as requirements in solicitations and contracts. Effective immediately, the Army will implement this policy for solicitations and contracts on all new major and non-major system acquisitions, rebuys of major and non-major systems, and procurement of spares and services. *- 12 Oct 1997*  
*- Sep 18 1997*
2. The USD/A&T background for this guidance continues, explaining that the DOD policy to rely on performance based requirements whenever practicable has been interpreted by many to apply only to processes described in Military Specifications and Standards. The policy applies to processes from any source whether MIL-STD, industry standard, company process, locally prepared technical document, or a process written into the system specification or other solicitation or contract document. This is mandatory for Major Defense Acquisition Programs and is the preferred approach for all new system acquisitions.
3. The USD/A&T memorandum concludes, stating that each acquisition executive shall establish, not later than two months from the memo date (18 Sep 97), a process for implementing this guidance. The Army is implementing this USD/A&T policy by their memo (encl 1). Army implementation of the waiver process will be same one that is currently in effect for the use of MIL-SPECS and STANDARDS.
4. The point of contact for this action is Mr. Dave Balfour, AMCRDA-AP, Phone: 703/617/DSN 767/8211.

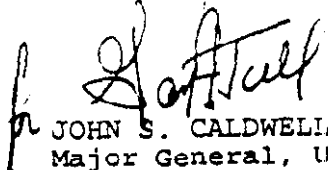
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